

SENATE BILL 1425

By Campfield

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to an LEA's recognition of and education
regarding traditional winter celebrations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 10, is amended by
adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

49-6-10__.

(a) An LEA may educate students about the history of traditional winter
celebrations and allow students and LEA staff to offer traditional greetings regarding the
celebrations, including:

- (1) "Merry Christmas";
- (2) "Happy Hanukkah"; and
- (3) "Happy holidays".

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), an LEA may display on school property
scenes or symbols associated with traditional winter celebrations, including a menorah
or a Christmas image such as a nativity scene or Christmas tree, if the display includes a
scene or symbol of:

- (1) More than one (1) religion; or
- (2) One (1) religion and at least one (1) secular scene or symbol.

(c) A display relating to a traditional winter celebration may not include a
message that encourages adherence to a particular religious belief.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.